

NOTES FROM TOWN HALL

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Introduction

The purpose of this news column is to provide information on some of the issues taking place in the Town's government. I hope that you find this useful.

Special Town Meeting

There will be a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m., at the Elementary School. There will be numerous warrant articles for consideration by voters. Please attend.

Annual Town Meeting

We are beginning preparations for the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2007. Department Heads will prepare their budgets for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2007. The Selectmen, School Committee, and Finance Committee will review the requests and make recommendations to the Town Meeting. There will be numerous meetings throughout the coming months. You are welcome to attend these meetings.

Economic Development

The Economic Development Committee recently completed an Economic Development Plan for the Town with assistance from the regional planning agency called the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments and a \$50,000 state grant. The Committee is in the process of implementing this plan and hopes to attract and keep businesses, increase commercial tax revenues, and increase jobs.

The aspects of the plan that are currently being reviewed include: development of a promotional brochure, sewer capacity, the costs for a Town Engineer and Town Planner, and zoning changes dealing with industrial uses, Middlesex Road, and a Town Center.

Old Town Hall

The Historical Commission is researching what might be done with the Old Town Hall located on Kendall Road. The building has been vacant for several years since the construction of the new Town Offices and Library on Bryants Lane.

The Commission is hiring an architect to assist with the research. Community Preservation funds are being used to pay for this project. Any proposed renovations will need to be reviewed and approved by the Community Preservation Committee and Town Meeting. The goal of the Historical Commission is to complete the renovations in time for the 200th anniversary of the Town in 2009.

These renovations would be a first step in the potential development of a Town Center along Kendall Road and Middlesex Road near the Old Town Hall, Littlefield Library, and Winslow School.